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Belfast Goes To Woosung

The cruiser HMS Belfast left the Colony yesterday afternoon for Woosung.

She was ordered north by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, Vice-Adm. A.C.G. Madden, who is to transfer his flag and staff from the cruiser London, damaged in the recent Yangtze incident, to the Belfast.

A Naval announcement this morning said that the Belfast is expected to reach the mouth of the Yangtze tomorrow morning.

It added that the future movements of the two cruisers are not yet known.

British Liner Breaks In Two

NO LIVES LOST

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 26.—The British liner Magdalena broke in two in Rio de Janeiro harbour today shortly after being freed from the rock on which she ran aground yesterday. The two halves of the new 17,000-ton Royal Mail liner are partly submerged.

Brazilian destroyers rushed to the spot and succeeded in throwing lines aboard in an attempt to tow the sections to safety. Many small craft in harbour surrounded the broken liner, ready to pick up the 230-man crew that had stayed aboard to attend to salvage operations.

All 350 passengers were rescued yesterday by a Brazilian steamer shortly after the Magdalena struck a reef. The ship was refloated early today at high tide—after jettisoning some 2,000 tons of oil. It was being towed to port here and broke in half just after entering the harbour.

The Magdalena is insured with Lloyds of London and British marine insurance companies for £2,000,000 sterling. It is estimated additional insurance on freight and other interests may bring the ship's owners total insurance on the liner of £2,500,000. Reinsurance rates on the ship, which had closed at 25 guineas per £100 sterling on Monday, fell to five (Continued on Page 5)

Churchill Wants Carriers Sent To China Waters

BARRAGE OF QUERIES ON YANGTSE AFFAIR

Position Still Fluid Says Mr Attlee

London, Apr. 26.—Mr Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, wanted to know today how it was that "at this time we have not got in China waters one, if not two aircraft carriers capable of affording protection to our nationals who might be increasingly involved in peril and misfortune—and capable of affording that protection in the only way which is understood by those attacking, murdering and insulting us, namely, by the effective power of retaliation."

Mr Churchill, speaking in strong emotional terms, asked this question after Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, had told a packed House about the shelling of British warships on the Yangtse recently.

One of the many diplomats who heard both Mr Attlee and Mr Churchill speak was the Chinese Ambassador to London, Dr Chang Tien-hsi.

Mr Attlee said that with the position still fluid Britain "reserved her position" on the Chinese Communist shelling, with heavy casualties, of four British warships in the Yangtse. He dismissed Communist charges that the warships were directly participating in the civil war as "fantastic and unfounded."

Mr Churchill followed up his question by asking for an assurance that the British Government would face this matter in a "robust spirit and make sure that the British flag is respected."

To this Mr Attlee replied that the situation was still fluid. However, the Government would make a statement later.

Mr Churchill then added, "I would like to make it absolutely clear that whatever criticism we may make on what I might call the unfortunate handling of this difficult situation in no way detracts from our resentment at the atrocious outrage of which we have been the victims or our determination to press the Government to take effective steps to make sure that we are treated with respect in future."

In the subsequent barrage of questions, Mr Attlee said that the Government wanted to take

every possible step to protect British communities in China. This had to be borne in mind in dealing with the Yangtse incident.

At one time no fewer than nine Opposition members rose simultaneously to catch the Speaker's eye for a chance to question the Prime Minister.

To one question Mr Attlee answered, "I am quite well aware that aircraft are used in warfare but this is not a matter of warfare at all. There is no suggestion of making an attack anywhere at all. We are engaged in the peaceful process of bringing supplies up the river."

He said that he could not make any further statement about protecting the seamen still on the Yangtse—stranded up the Yangtse behind the Communist lines—except that "all possible steps" were being

taken. There could be no possible question of apologising to the Communists.

After a clash between the Prime Minister and Mr Churchill about the responsibility for the orders which sent the British ships up the Yangtse, Mr Attlee said with some asperity, "The Commander on the spot took action. I approve his action."

That does not say that all the time the man on the spot who knows the exact conditions should be receiving detailed orders from the Admiralty—there is no question of sheltering behind any commander on the spot.

Questions about air cover and the availability of aircraft followed and the Premier was understood to say, amid some disorder, that no British aircraft were stationed at Shanghai.

Brigadier Anthony Head, Conservative, was saying that the country could draw only one inference from these answers when he was persistently interrupted by Labour cries of "The Tories want war."

Earlier, when he was speaking about the Yangtse incident, Mr Attlee said that there had been "no question of a punitive expedition and the British ships fired only to silence the forces firing against them."

Mr Attlee added, "British Consular officials in China vainly tried to get in touch (Continued on Page 5)

Reds' Terms For Safety Of The Amethyst

London, Apr. 26.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee disclosed in Parliament today that the Chinese Communists had been prepared to allow the British ship Amethyst to get to Nanking—on the condition that she assisted them to cross the Yangtse River.

"Such a condition was obviously unacceptable," Mr Attlee commented amid laughter.

These facts, he said, were given by Mr Edward Youde, Third Secretary of the British Foreign Service, who volunteered to try to reach the Communist forces in the hope of stopping the firing on the British warships.

Mr Youde, Mr Attlee said, reached the forward headquarters of the People's Liberation Army in the Pukow area on April 23, thanks to his courage and determination. "He described the situation as he knew it when he left Nanking on April 21 and pointed out to them the peaceful and humanitarian nature of the mission of the Amethyst and requested that she be allowed to proceed to Nanking or Shanghai without further molestation."

Mr Attlee added, "Their headquarters took the line that she had not been obtained from the People's Liberation Army and that she had entered the war area."

"They also complained of heavy casualties incurred by their troops as a result of fire from British ships. They refused to admit the justification of self-defence," Reuter.

Reds Checked In Advance On Shanghai

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—For the first time since the start of the present Communist offensive, the Chinese Nationalist armies today appeared to have checked the headlong Communist advance west and southwest of this vast Oriental metropolis.

Hard-fighting Nationalist forces were reported to be fighting and holding the Communists west and south of Soochow, key rail hub 50 miles west of here. Another line of bayonets stretching south from the Yangtse river barred the Communist advance toward the port of Hangchow, vital "back door" to Shanghai.

The Communists had not succeeded in forging a ring of siege around Shanghai and there were no reports of fighting in close approaches to the city.

The best information obtained from the military intelligence and telephone coverage of outlying towns was that no battles were yet being fought within 50 miles of the great port city.

However, a new peril had arisen within Shanghai itself—soaring inflation which brought with it the menace of widespread strikes.

HANKOW DEFENCE

In Central China, Chinese General Fan Chung-hsi, was reported to have deployed men on both sides of the Yangtse to defend the big river port of Hankow against the Communists advancing from the north and east.

There was no late word on the Communist spearhead reportedly thrown across the Yangtse at Hupui, 50 miles northwest of here, in an apparent hope of capturing Woosung and trapping United States and British Naval vessels in Shanghai harbour.

On the fighting fronts, the Nationalists were reported to be preparing two main lines of resistance—front Soochow 125 miles westward to Wuhu and from the Shuiyang area 50 miles southward to the vicinity of Tsingtau.

The Soochow-Wuhu line stretched across the northward bend of the Yangtze like a string across a bow barring the advance of the Communists that poured across the river on Sunday in the Nanking area. The north-south line whose northern anchor is near the centre of the east-west line was established to block any attempted Red drive on Hangchow from Kiangsu bridgehead.

COMMUNIST CLAIMS

The Communist radio claimed that the Communist spearhead had reached the Nanking-Hangchow highway between the villages of Chintan and Hsien, about 65 miles southeast of Nanking and just north of the Soochow-Wuhu defence line.

Military quarters said today that the battle for Soochow was centred around Hsuehkwang, rail city about eight miles west of the vital rail hub. Telephone communications between Soochow and Hangchow failed and it was not known whether the Communists had taken the smaller town.

WHALER SINKS

St John's, Newfoundland, Apr. 26.—The 174-ton Newfoundland sealing vessel, Wimoda, was crushed by ice and sank off Northern Newfoundland today, the first casualty of this year's sealing season.—Reuter.

WAY CLEAR FOR LIFTING OF THE BERLIN BLOCKADE

State Dept's Announcement

Washington, Apr. 26.—The State Department announced today that the way appears clear for a lifting of the Russian blockade of Berlin and a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The State Department issued a statement to this effect with two qualifications:

- 1.—That the present position of the Soviet Government is as stated in the Tass agency release, published in the American press today.
- 2.—That no final conclusion could be reached until further exchanges of view with M. Jacob Malik, the Soviet representative to the United Nations Security Council.

Shortly after President Truman had conferred with the United States roving ambassador for international negotiations, Dr Philip Jessup, the State Department issued a statement reviewing the talks which have been going on secretly between Dr Jessup and M. Malik since February 15.

The statement disclosed that on March 21, M. Malik informed Dr Jessup that "if a definite date could be set for the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, the restrictions on trade and transport in Berlin could be lifted reciprocally and that the lifting of the blockade could take place in advance of the meeting."

AGREED POSITION

The State Department continued: "Taking advantage of the presence of the Foreign Ministers of Great Britain and France in Washington, the recent developments regard to the Soviet attitude were discussed with them."

"An agreed position was reached among the three Western powers, and in order that there should be no misunderstanding in the mind of the Soviet Government in regard to this position, a statement was read to M. Malik by Mr Jessup on April 5."

"The purpose of this statement, which represented the agreed position of the three Western powers, was to make clear that the points under discussion were the following:

- 1.—A reciprocal and simultaneous lifting of the restrictions imposed by the Soviet Union since March 1, 1949, on communications, transportation and trade between Berlin and the Western Zones of Germany, and the restrictions imposed by the three powers on communications, transportation and trade to and from the Eastern Zone of Germany."
- 2.—The fixing of a date to be determined for a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

"Both the Western powers wished to be sure that these two

points were not conditioned, in the understanding of the Soviet Government, on any of the other points which, in the past, had prevented agreement upon the lifting of the blockade.

"The statement summarised the understanding of the three Governments of the position which the Soviet Government detailed the proposal for lifting the blockade and the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers."

"Its purpose was to make unmistakably clear that the position of the Soviet Government was as now stated in the release of the Tass agency."

"M. Malik again asked Dr Jessup to call upon him and at that time again stated the position of the Soviet Government. From this statement, it appeared that there were still certain points requiring clarification."

"As a result of this meeting further discussions took place between the three Governments, which have resulted in a more detailed formulation of their position, which will be conveyed by Dr Jessup to M. Malik."

The State Department statement concluded: "If the present position of the Soviet Government is as stated in the Tass agency release, as published in the American press this morning, the way appears clear for the lifting of the blockade and a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers."

"No conclusion upon this can be reached until further exchanges of view with M. Malik take place."—Reuter.

JAMAICA SAILS

Hamilton, Bermuda, Apr. 26. HMS Jamaica, one of two cruisers of the British America and West Indies squadron stationed here, leaves this afternoon for China with a complement of 43 officers and 650 men. It is expected to take three weeks, going via the Panama Canal.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Britain's Working Women

THE profound changes which are taking place in the position of women in Britain's national life are forcibly illustrated by the figures of employment which have just been collated and published in London. They are worthy of analysis. In general terms it can be said that women now make up more than half of the total labour force in a number of key industries and provide about one-third of all the paid workers in Britain. Emphasising the extent to which the nation has maintained in peacetime the unprecedented mobilisation of her labour force reached during the war, it is now a fact that every woman of working age in Britain is working either as a housewife or in a paid occupation. Interestingly enough the ratio is three out of five housewives and two are in paid work. And housewives mean house workers, for, as the figures prove, there are less domestic servants in Britain today than ever before, and it was this situation which called for the establishment in 1946 of the Government-sponsored National Institute of Houseworkers, the primary object of which was to raise the prestige of domestic work. If the achievements of this institute have not been spectacular, they have, at least been worth while, for about 700 women have been trained and won diplomas for housecraft and home budgeting, cooking, laundry work, crafts, health, education and care of children and the aged. And because industry is still a strong factor, the Government has more recently taken steps to develop as part of the National

Health Service a Home Help Service to assist mothers during confinement at home, during illness and so on; the payment in these cases are according to the means of the family. What then of the two in every five who are engaged in paid work? There are more than seven million women and girls in this group, who dominate labour in the clothing industry, represent 59 percent of all the textile workers, over half the labour force in retail distribution, 23 percent of all professional administrative and commercial services, 26 percent of all workers in the manufacturing industries other than clothing and textiles, and 15 percent of workers in agriculture, forestry and fishing. In this manner are the women of Britain playing a notable part in making possible the industrial and economic recovery of the nation. Moreover, the increasing share of women in Britain's production drive is having as a corollary a greater share in Trade Union activities. Today there are over half a million more women members of the Trade Unions than before the war and they form 18 percent of the Union membership. Naturally social problems have attended the peacetime influx of women into industry from the home; they include the care of children (many more day nurseries are imperative) and the growing demand for equal pay with men where equal work is done. They are symptoms of a social tide which is carrying women on a crest toward an unprecedented influence in every sphere of British life.

S'hai Evacuees Told To Get Their Tickets

Shanghai, Apr. 27.—British evacuees for Hongkong already processed were officially notified this morning by the British Consulate-General to call at the shipping office of the Consulate today for steamship tickets which will be issued by the representative of the Java China-Packet Lines Ltd.

The British Consulate notice advised all intending passengers to bring with them their passport, money, passport and international vaccination certificates.

The evacuees were warned that food aboard the evacuation ship will probably be "in Chinese style."

The ship to Hongkong will offer mostly accommodation in dormitories between decks. Bunks are provided but passengers are advised to bring their own bedding.

The exact number of British evacuees is unknown, but they are believed not to be considerable.—Reuter.

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WAISTCOAT & BRAID



This Olive Duncan tailored dress in navy blue—it goes with a "fox" hat—has a waistcoat effect, is heavily braided in mustard yellow.

HOLIDAY LACE



Holiday design... topless cotton frock in one of the new lace prints, colored in white over a dark background. Bodice and skirt hem are finished with broderie anglaise.

(London Express Service)

Interesting New Felt Ornaments

By ELEANOR ROSS

A BEAUTIFUL addition to the store fabrics department is the lovely colours used for felt, yards and yards of which are going over the counter into the home to be made up by the ever-growing army of home-sewers into all sorts of useful and decorative items.

There are all-wool felts, cotton and wool felts and cotton-mix felts available in luscious colours, light and deep, the result of improved dyeing methods. There are even all wool felts with special dyes to produce a fabric with maximum colour fastness to light, perspiration, sea water and competent dry cleaning.

Felt Ornaments

As for the items to make with these colourful felts, well, there seems to be no end to them. Fingers don't have to be very nimble to be able to turn out charming little felt ornaments, nice for appliques as well as for suit lapel wear. And a youngster will just dote on a pretty half bonnet in colour felt trimmed with felt flowers.

Mention of felt flowers, reminds us of an exquisite gray organza evening gown we admired. It was trimmed with tiny flowers of white felt, tiny white violets, attached by petals here and there on the full skirt, and massed on the bodice and on the capelet, each flower centred with the finest rhinestone or pearl beads.

Practical Outfit

There's nothing like separate skirt and blouse to add up to a practical outfit. Do up an old skirt by giving it a wide belt and suspenders trimmed with rick-rack and brightened with colourful felt appliques. Grand for a schoolgirl.

For a really exciting gift, behold exotic Persian slippers tastefully embellished with jet beads and simulated pearls, while another pair of slippers had gold burlin and tiny sequin trim.

Felt is wonderful for a child's room. For a wee one, how about felt animal cut-outs mayhap outlined with an edge of luminous paint so that they glow comfortably in the dark. Felt animal ornaments on curtain tie-backs make a nice touch.

WOMANSENSE

Fashionable Fabrics For Coming Months

A LARGE part of the Earls Court section of the British Industries Fair in May will be devoted to the display of textiles—a display in which rayon and cotton piece goods will be well represented.

The greatest style change will be noted in the up-grading of rayon in the higher-styled end of the trade. A small section of manufacturers have been concentrating on these better class goods since 1945. Ranges for 1949 show to the full the results of their previous experimental work.

Crease-resisting

THE most notable contributions are the full handling points, uni-tones, iridescent patterns, matting, iridescent patterns and ribbon-type taffetas with chenille decoration. All such fabrics have a similar appeal to pure silk, but on a competitive price basis. Last season's feeling for stiff handling fashion cloths is receding in favour of similar-looking fabrics, possessing a full, but soft handle. This change is prompted by the need for making such fabrics crease-resisting. With a really stiff handle, the fabric is almost sure to crease, but with the softer, fuller handle this factor is eliminated.

From the fashion standpoint, ribbed silks are given precedence. Some have a vertical rib, others a warp rib, diagonal rib, or a narrower type similar to whipcord, are also noted.

Controversy of Colours

IN fabrics such as these there is some controversy over colour. Certain sections of the making up trade are asking for dark muted shades, whilst others are beginning to turn to lighter colours—particularly for evening clothes. Manufacturers are therefore widening ranges to include both types. The 1949 autumn collections will concentrate largely on golden browns muted, old rose shades, Regency yellows and various softer tones of peacock blue. Looking further ahead, stylists foresee a return to hard, clear shades, but it is doubtful whether more than a sprinkling of these will be shown at the Fair, as it is anticipated that the cycle of fashion will not move forward to this colour range until 1950.

The Style, Design and Colour Centre of Britain's Cotton Board in Manchester has been active in encouraging the cotton manufacturers to turn their attention to novel, yarn-dyed dress cloths with some form of fancy-weave. The iridescent chambrays were the first on the market, followed by small neat weaves of the tweed type, many original checks, tartan copies and fancy stripes. There are also a number of the white-on-white fancy woven poplins and some surface-weave crepes, plain and over-printed.

For Overseas Market

DESIGNERS are watching carefully the development of the latest heavy cotton cloths in plain colours, intended for summer tailoring and beach wear. The weave is similar to a repp; the yarn is finest St. Vincent cotton. The cloth is found to tailor well, to have every reason to suppose it will have a good reception in overseas markets.

There is, on the other hand, a notable revival of the diaphanous voiles and lawn mousseline voiles, which can be used equally well by the lingerie or dress trades, is typical of this present-day manufacture. Cotton voiles, again made from the finest

two-fold St. Vincent yarns—are printed mainly in dark shades and in patterns of the West African type with dark reds and navy blues predominating. Occasionally such clothes are shown with the large, romantic flower spray design (for evening wear) or with a wide Regency stripe in two colour effect, or toning satin.

Fine cotton lawns which are being taken up keenly by leading couturiers in all parts of the world are those with a black foliage print on a muted ground—black on spice brown, black on dimmed violet, on midnight blue, or garden green, and on salt red. The same foliage design is shown in colour on white grounds for southern markets.

The whole question of prints must be reviewed with the greatest possible care for the buying season of 1949-50. At the top end of the trade there is more than a slight tendency to sponsor the discreet, small patterned print in drab colours. It is a great swing of the pendulum from the multi-coloured prints of former years. The accent is on polka dots in most unusual colourings—eyelash blue on tan ground, a butcher blue on brick, orange on navy. The normal silk design is extremely popular and shown on a wide variety of fabrics, ranging from cotton poplin to rayon surah, all types of poplins and satins and the cheaper type of soft handling rayon crepe. Since the interest in a Macclesfield design is likely to be soon exhausted, converters are carrying this small motif trend through to novelty patterns of the same size.

One manufacturer may make a pattern of black and white com-

mas scattered on a muted ground; another may take the leaves of a mustard and cross and form a close set geometric pattern; all variations of the ring spot, the small cross and the noughts and crosses symbols are equally popular.

The introduction of delicate tracings of floral sprays in black on a minutely chequered neutral ground is taken as a sign that the cold-shouldering attitude towards prints will not last indefinitely in the top end of the trade.

Border Print Revival

THERE is also a noted revival of border prints. Mass producing houses are going ahead with plans for 1950, in which the border print will play a large part. Individual dress houses are ordering their own border prints to a definite specification which coincides with the pattern of the garment to obviate waste in the cutting. Sometimes these prints are concentrated on one selvage of a plain dyed cloth; in other cases there is a scattered all-over print in addition to the border. Manufacturers in all textile areas are speculating as to whether the border print revival will be as sweeping in its effect on fashion as it was in 1924, when the border motif was the only one that counted.

Further developments in dress prints are seen in the intelligent use of warp-printed bayadere stripes which permit the dress house to form the skirt on the correct hang of the material. In the same form of printing there are new patterns designed with the deliberate intention that the skirt of the dress should be pleated.

Questions Train A Child To Think

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, PH.D.

A CHILD does not need to wait till he goes to high school or college to get good practice in thinking. Any way he won't, for he may begin to take early steps in thinking many months before he takes his first steps with his feet. He observes, compares, reads, imagines, classifies and arrives at conclusions even before he talks, revealing that he does so by his actions, gestures or mere grunts. Just try to figure out what an array of thinking processes go on in his little head when he asks questions. Imagine the harm you might do to his mental growth and personality if you ignored his questions, spurned them or made fun of them or, at the best, told him for some of the conclusions he arrived at himself.

Suitable Questions

Here are questions a parent might ask a little child long before he is five or six.

As you will recall, these questions don't require book learning or formal teaching. They aim to cause the child to dig out what he has in his head, left there from his everyday experiences. He recalls these experiences and there is from what he recalls he may derive, through "thinking," new experiences and new ideas. Here are a few such questions:

Which is easier to bend, a toothpick or a nail?
Where would you rather walk barefoot, on the grassy lawn or on the gravel walk?
In what ways are your hands different from your feet?

What is the difference between a mitten and a glove?
Do you see with your nose or your eyes?
How many knees do you have?

Do fish walk?
Which is darker, smoke or steam?

When do we see more birds, in summer or in winter?
Do we cut cloth with a knife or with scissors?
Does your mother sew with a foot or a needle?

Why does she use a thimble?
Do we plant seeds in the garden in winter or in summer?

What would you use to drive a nail into a board?
What would you use to peel an apple?

If your mother mended a hole in your sweater, would she use hair, wire, or yarn?

When you or an older child asks a youngster from two to five these questions, the little tyke is amused. His mind is set to working and there is pleasant companionship. Older children will enjoy making up more such questions for a baby brother or sister.

FASHION-POINTER ON A PLEAT



The Fashion-pointer turns to Spring in the sun, hightops the drapes of the ultra-new—expressed—arrow—skirt-pleats—they call it "Windwavy"! In tweeds or worsteds.

London Express Service.

Neat Look Important in Hairdo



Typical of the neat, close-to-the-head hairdo, is this trim coiffure. Designed by a New York hairdresser, it is charming with small hats.

By HELEN FOLLETT

OUT of date and on the fashion shelf is the hairdo that is bulky. Be it high, low or betwixt-and-between, it must be so cut and arranged that the head is shapely. The flat-top continues when locks are short, and even the upply effect is not as exaggerated as it was. Ringlets and rolls are over the forehead rather than on the crown. One reason: the high-built arrangement meant a long hunt for hats that would conform. Too much bother. With a cap-like coiffure almost any hat that you fancy will qualify.

There must be a neat, smooth outline. Stylists are finding different ways of disposing of rear locks, some being fluted upward in tapered wave lines, some with ends turned under at the back, and sides, as well, being tucked into the hair. The beneficial effects of brushing should not be overlooked.

With coiffures inclined to be used on the scalp when the sebaceous glands are not functioning normally. The beneficial effects of brushing should not be overlooked. If you can't make up your mind to have your pigtail tresses should be so clean that material snipped away; they shine. Hence the need of then coil the ends closely to-

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Recipes Using Jams, Jellies

A GLASS of milk, served with bread spread with jam is especially welcomed by our young visitors—my niece and nephew and your little granddaughters. Their "always ready" for an afternoon snack," said the Chef.

"And it is good for them," I went on. "For jam contains a considerable amount of sugar, which is the quickest of all foods to release energy. Children are so active they need this energy pick-up in the afternoon. However, it's a mistake to use jam or jelly instead of butter or margarine on bread at meals, because the sweet foods cause them to refuse to eat their meat and vegetables. Jam or butter is not an alternate for butter or margarine, it is a substitute."

"Would it not be all right to use jam or jelly on bread as dessert at the end of the meal?" asked the Chef.

"That would be a perfect time," I answered. "Not only for children, but for grown-ups. They are also good for dessert with cinnamon toast, crackers, hot biscuits or muffins, with coffee, tea or milk."

"In France we prize these confections so highly we serve them with cream cheese for dessert," the Chef commented. "One of the most popular is Bar-le-Duc, a kind of preserve which is made of fresh currants, and which we always serve with cream cheese."

Plain Desserts

Small quantities of jams and marmalades often accumulate, but there are literally dozens of ways to use them, especially to make plain desserts more interesting. For instance, a bread pudding, spread with any jam topped with meringue becomes "Queers of Puddings." Jam or marmalade sandwiches, dipped in egg batter and French fried, become an enticing dessert. A half cup of jam or jelly, added to water in cooking, turns it into an equally delicious dessert hot or cold. Then there are surprise jam muffins, when the pans are half filled with plain batter, topped with a teaspoon of jam, then with more batter, baked and served piping hot.

I also favour the steamed jam pudding. Beat 1 good-sized egg in a qt.-sized mixing bowl. Add 4 tbsps. melted butter or margarine, 1/2 c. flour, 1/2 c. fine dry bread crumbs, 1/3 tsp. baking soda dissolved in 1 tsp. hot water, 5 tbsps. fruit jam, 1 tbsps. orange or grape fruit marmalade. Mix thoroughly. Turn into a well oiled qt.-sized pudding mould. Cover closely and steam for 1 1/2 hrs. Serve with lemon-Jam sauce.

Measure 2/3 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. cornstarch, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg and 1/4 tsp. salt in a small sauce-pan. Gradually stir in 1 1/4 c. boiling water; add 1 tsp. butter or margarine and 2 tbsps. the same kind of jam used in the pudding. Cook 5 min. stirring occasionally.

Trick of the Chef To keep turnips from tasting "It's a hurry-up" to mix, so I watery, shake them over the think homemakers will also like it."

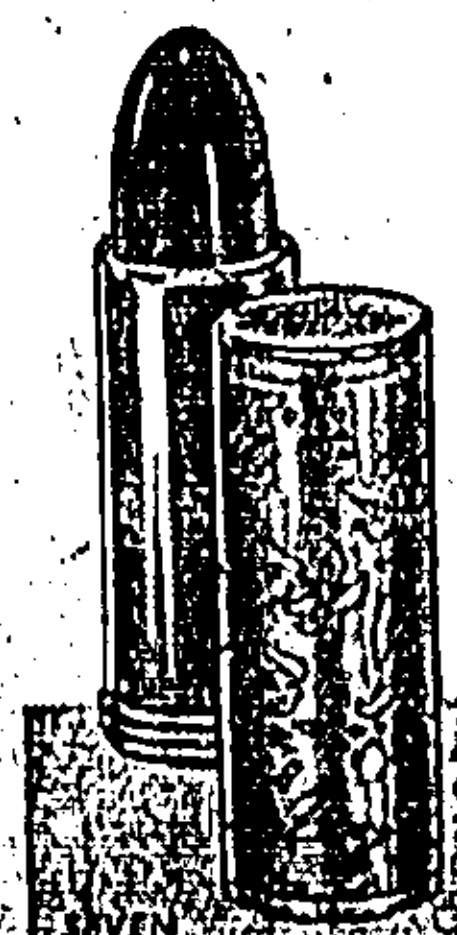
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glamorous star says, "Pink lipstick is the Hollywood craze and 'Pink Queen' is the perfect pink."



Tangee's NEW "PINK QUEEN"

Tangee's new "Pink Queen" is dazzling as a diamond. It's bright. It's light. It's fashion right. And, of course, like all Tangee seven super-shades, it goes on easier... stays on longer. Yes, "Pink Queen" is Tangee's pink of perfection! Treat yourself to the perfect pink. Lipstick shade today.



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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



'MISS AMERICAS' MEET—"Miss Americas" gather in New York to honour Vyvyan Donner for her film, "Talented Beauties," based on the Atlantic City contest. Left to right: Jean Bartel, 1943; Beebe Shopp, 1948; Miss Donner; Martha Ingraham, 1948 runner-up; Bess Meyerson, 1945.



MUSIC AND COFFEE—Jan Kiepura and Martha Eggerth, husband and wife, record the songs of their new film, "Valse Brillante," in Paris, and have coffee between numbers.



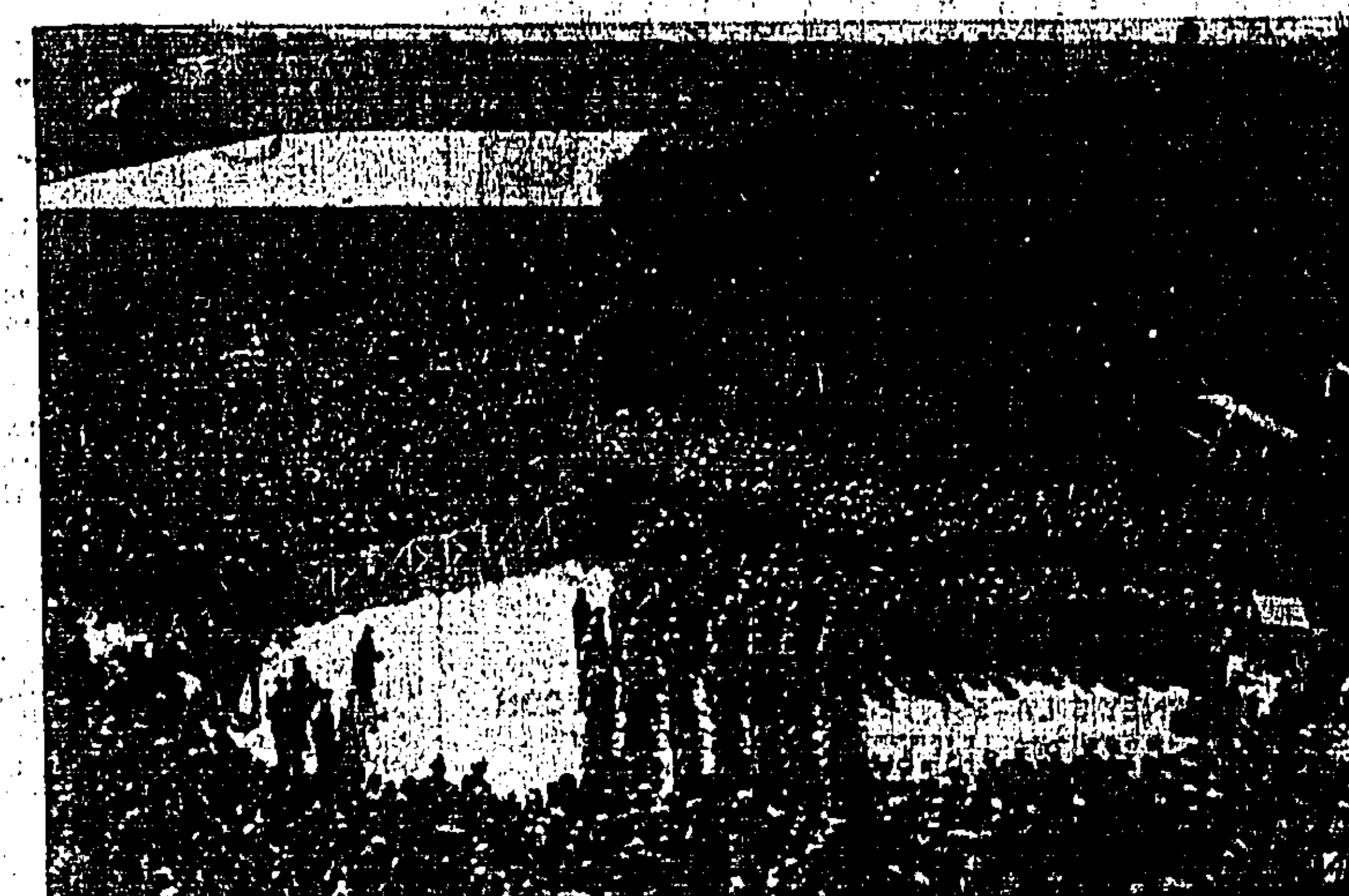
ROME STUDENTS RESUME HAZING—Hazing by students of the University of Rome, interrupted during the Fascist regime, is resumed again as a new class is enrolled. Here students, acting as soldiers of old Rome, cavort near the Coliseum during the celebration.



'WHEEL-CHAIR' TENNIS—Patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Oakland, California, receive lessons in stroking a captive tennis ball from Bill Crosby. The ball is hung on an elastic cord.



DUET—Cleopatra, an Australian cockatoo, perches on a sheet of music for a duet with its owner, Stella Roman, dramatic soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, in her apartment in New York.



ITALY DEDICATES ARDEATINE MEMORIAL—Officials dedicate a concrete mausoleum (left background) on the site of the 1944 German massacre of 335 hostages in the Ardeatine Caves, near Rome, in reprisal for the ambush slaying of 32 German security police.



STATESMAN-SALESMAN—Ichiro Honda, member of the Diet, and minister without portfolio, sells candy to school girls in the store he operates in Tokyo between state duties.



NECKTIE GOWN—Marilyn Ware models an evening gown with 26 men's neckties, at Oak Park, Illinois.



TINY TOWN—Mrs. John Jurczewski operates a railway in a miniature village built by her husband at their Chicago home. In an area 12 by 14 feet are homes, schools and factories.



'PLAY BALL' IN JAPAN—Led by a mascot bearing the name of the team, Japanese baseball players parade on opening day in Tokyo. Third in line is Victor Stalin, a White Russian.



ART ON AN OSLO BRIDGE—Statuary, by Gustav Vigeland, one of Norway's outstanding sculptors, adorns the bridge at Vigeland Park, and the Park itself, in Oslo.



INJUN POW-WOW—Former New York State Senator Phelps Phelps takes his turn on a peace pipe at the Museum of Science and Industry in New York. Sioux, Mohawks and sundry other tribes were represented at the celebration of American Indian Citizenship Week.

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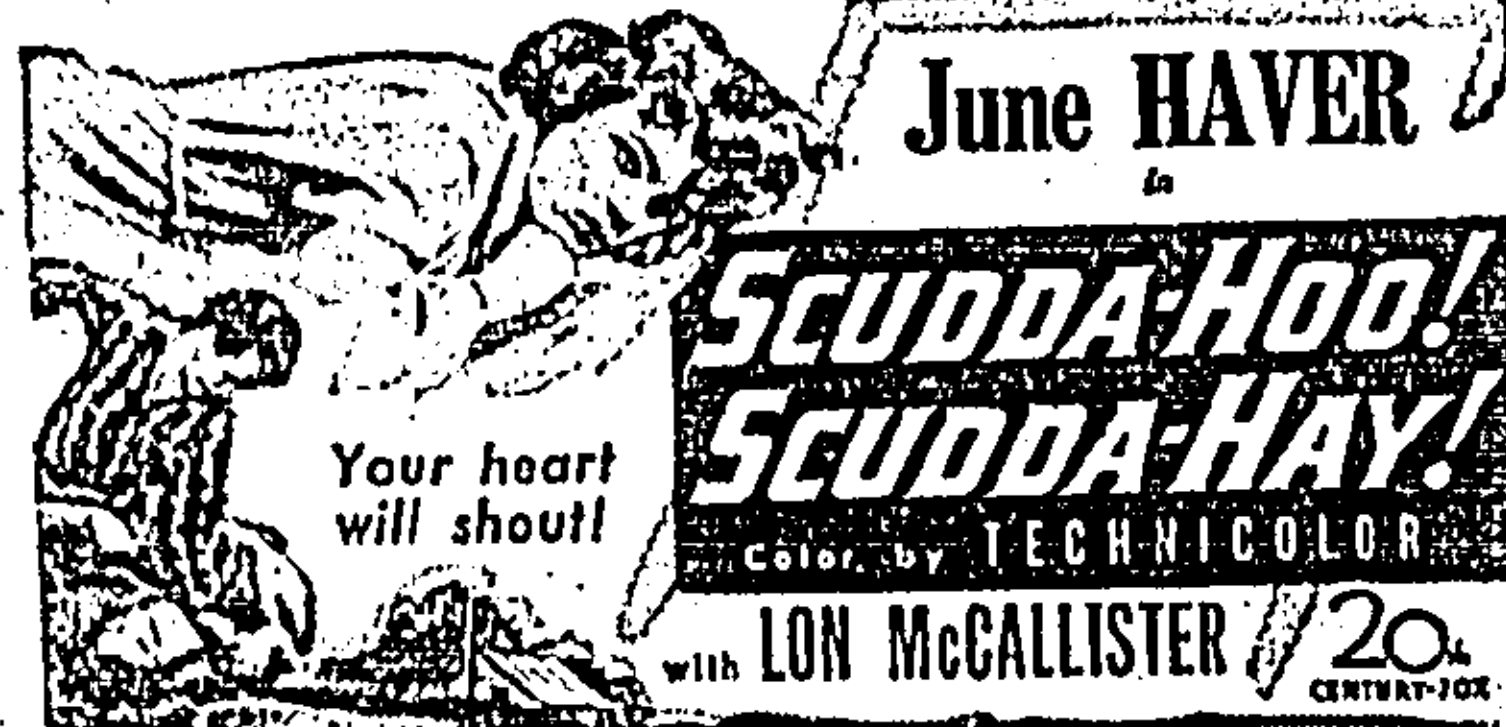
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Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "how are you gittin' along with the little old income tax man?"

"Not very well," I said. "No more are most people," said the Sweep, "though you can't, properly speakin, blame im."

"Certainly not."

"The bloke you've got to blame is little old Cripps. And before im, little old Dalton, who was always laughin' 'is end of every time he give the screw another turn."

"To be true," said the Sweep, "the trouble with little old Cripps is that he's a vegetarian and a teetotaler."

"Go on!" "No good ever came from the likes of them. Cor, strike a light, look at little old Litter."

"Look," said the Sweep, "always on the sidge! Interferin' with people instead of enjoyin' imself and mindin' his own business."

"That's right."

"And what's worse," said the Sweep, "if a man is appy with a lettuce sandwich and a cup of cocoa he reckons everybody else ought to be the same."

"Quite right," said the Sweep, "which ain't natural."

"We can't all be perfect," said the Sweep, "too true we can't."

"All the same," said the Sweep, "you ain't as badly off as some. I don't suppose you're payin' nineteen and a tanner in the pound like Lady Mountbatton."

"I certainly ain't," I said. "So you won't ave to cut out all your social engagements like what she's a-doin' of."

"I ope not."

"I suppose you'll still be in a position to play a game of darts now and agin?"

"Maybe." "Though after the next Budget you might ave to cut it down to once or twice a week."

"Probably." "Which won't be much of an arship as you never was any good at it."

"Thank you." "And, after all, you can't expect to play darts every night and ave a free bottle of cough mixture as well."

"Certainly not." "Though personally meself," said the Sweep, "I'd sooner ave more darts and cheaper beer and buy me own cough mixture."

"Same ere." "Nothink like a nice pint for a nasty cough."

"Nothink." "The skin off your nose," said the Sweep. "The skin off your nose."

Chancellor Nat

THE clock struck midnight in the old town hall. A light was burning in the top front window of the Sea Ness, where your Uncle Nat works for the Government.

In this room a one-man effort, with little help or advice, without tools except paper, pencil, and an ancient typewriter, has bought for the nation anything from a wig to a warplane, anything from a set of artificial teeth to an aircraft-carrier.

Most of this has been achieved through the payment of taxes on income earned, not by buying and selling commodities produced by others, but by selling, in a highly competitive market, the product of one woolly mind to the highest bidder.

The rest has been achieved through the payment of indirect taxation.

Although the woolly mind may not have a whole warplane (it doesn't want to exaggerate) or a whole aircraft-carrier, it feels that over the years it must have bought at least a couple of aircraft engines and at least one 4.5-inch gun in a destroyer.

Although it has not brought comfort to all the toothless and all the bald, it has borne more than an average share of the burden without even providing a badly needed wig for itself.

Therefore, the owner of the woolly mind, your ever-loving uncle, feels he has as much right to plan a Budget as Sir Stafford Cripps, who, considering he is a teetotaler, probably doesn't contribute nearly as much to the national revenue.

That is why your uncle is still up at midnight with pencil and paper, with all the world quiet but for the pounding of the sea, and even Lottie the devil cat asleep at last in a chair.

Down with doggies

CHANCELLOR GUBBINS'S chief difficulty is to reduce taxation while increasing the efficiency of the Navy, Army and Air Force, maintaining the food subsidies and the health services, buying new premises and motor-cars for the Coal Board, knocking down half the country and rebuilding it somewhere else, and keeping Sir Waldron Smithers quiet.

It is probably Chancellor Cripps's chief difficulty, too, without any hope at all of keeping Smithers quiet on Budget day.

Being rather new to the job, Gubbins begins by slashing the standard rate of income tax by 5s. in the £ and increasing dog licences to £1,000 a year.

This, he knows, will lose him the votes of all dog worshippers, but as he is not a member of Parliament he doesn't care. He also puts a heavy tax on cyclists, who are always missing him by inches, ringing their

silly bells, and loses all their votes, too. Splendid.

With 99 percent of barking dogs off the map, most of the cyclists walking, and plenty of his own money in his pocket for once, he feels pretty good.

He then starts on the liquor trade.

Under the new Gubbins Budget, beers, wines, and spirits are almost given away. Indeed, there is a moment when he thinks of subsidising them like food, but thinks better of it.

A move like that might easily increase the cost of the health services.

The tax on pipe tobacco and cigarettes is also slashed, and the country begins to look itself again.

To make up for it, the purchase tax on furs and jewelry is trebled, at the risk of being called a Bolsheviki by Sir Waldron Smithers.

Cocoa swillers, who take all the benefits of indirect taxation and contribute very little towards it, also come in for a bashing.

It is here that Gubbins comes to a full stop and begins to wonder.

Doubts

THERE must be such a thing as avoiding taxation by abstention.

Gubbins himself has done it, though not always in the way his smirking readers are thinking of at this moment.

For years he has been turning down extra work because he thinks one 4.5-inch naval gun is enough for one man to buy for the Navy.

Therefore, it seems likely that dog-worshippers will abstain altogether from dear little doggies if each one is going to cost them £1,000 a year.

This would suit citizen Gubbins fine, but not Chancellor Gubbins.

Under his Budget cyclists are already walking, paying no taxes.

Nobody but the blagdest fool in the country (and there can be only one of him) would clothe the silliest woman in the country (there can be only one of her) with a fur coat costing, with triple purchase tax, something like £100,000. So that would be just one tax for just one big fool.

Even cocoa swillers, pressed too hard, might take to swilling water. It would serve them right, but it wouldn't help the revenue.

Reluctantly, Gubbins puts 1s. back on income tax and hopes Sir Waldron Smithers won't think it has been done on orders from the Kremlin.

He also considers food subsidies.

No income tax payer who is not also an imbecile can imagine that he benefits personally by food subsidies. He is obviously paying the food subsidies himself.

The only people who benefit are the wives of the income-tax payers, who get their housekeeping allowance tax free and buy what little food there is available at subsidised prices, and the lowest income groups.

So why not abolish food subsidies, let women demand a bigger housekeeping allowance (good luck to them) to make up the difference, and give the lowest-income groups, including old-age pensioners, their basic rations free?

This would cost far less than food subsidies, be a great advance in social justice, increase the value of old-age pensions, and give Sir Waldron Smithers a nervous breakdown.

Give them more

HOW can Chancellor Gubbins pay for the vast health services, let alone new cars for the Coal Board, with income tax reduced 5s. in the £?

He thinks of all kinds of silly things, like taxing women's hats or their heads and taxing after-dinner speeches lasting more than a minute till suddenly the great truth hits him like a thunderbolt smacking into a vast lump of dough.

Give the doctors and dentists more and more money. That's the answer.

You will say yes, but you've got to find the money in taxes to pay them more money.

But Chancellor Gubbins replies, no, you haven't. You pay them more money, but you take it away from them. Cat-and-mouse stuff.

You will then argue, but some of it sticks, even the part that is taxed at 19s. 6d. in the £. You've got to find extra expenses in revenue.

To which Chancellor Gubbins replies, "Rubbish." When we've got all the doctors in a higher income group, their wives, who are not paying tax on the income, will nevertheless live up to it, and we shall get it back in purchase tax.

Well, there you are. That's Chancellor Gubbins's idea of a Budget in broad outline. If you don't like it, or you don't think it's sound, the Cripps austerity Budget will serve you right.

Over to you, then, Cripps boy.

(London Express Service)

The most amazing air liner mystery

ALL KILLED: PLANE LOST BECAUSE SOMEONE PRESSED FIRE EXTINGUISHER BUTTONS

by Group-Captain H. S. L. DUNDAS, D.S.O., D.F.C.

THE Brabazon Committee investigating the disappearance of two Avro Tudor air liners—Star Tiger on January 30, 1948, and Star Ariel on January 17, 1949—is ready to submit its report to Lord Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation.

The findings of the committee will not be made public. They run into hundreds of pages.

As part of the committee's investigation a sister ship of the two Avro Tudors was taken to pieces and examined almost nut by nut, for this has been the most searching autopsy ever carried out on any plane suspected of potential structural failure.

But I understand that the committee has been unable to go beyond the realm of conjecture in suggesting what happened to the two air liners.

Both vanished over the Sargasso Sea, north of the Bahamas. How they were lost will almost certainly remain an unsolved mystery. Almost every possible theory was tested.

A shallow dive

During the committee's research one of the most extraordinary stories in the history of air crashes was uncovered.

This concerned an American four-engined D.C.6 which lost height in a shallow dive, while still apparently under control, ploughed through a series of obstacles, and eventually piled up on rising ground.

All aboard were killed.

As in the case of Star Tiger and Star Ariel no signals of distress were received from the crew before the crash. Further, the plane appeared to be flying perfectly normally, apart from its gradual loss of height.

The solution to the mystery was startling.

An autopsy showed that every man, woman, and child on board the D.C.6 had become poisoned by carbon dioxide and were all unconscious before the crash killed them.

Quite probably many were dead before the plane struck the ground.

Deadly gases

It was proved, by examination of the wreckage, that fire extinguishers in the freight hold had been set in action by someone pressing the buttons which controlled the extinguishers.

Deadly carbon dioxide gases, fired from the extinguishers, were carried by the pressurisation system into the cabin of the liner.

Opinions differed as to whether the volume of carbon dioxide released would be sufficient to have the catastrophic effect indicated by the autopsy.

Here was a doubt which was settled in a typically American manner.

Another D.C.6 was taken up with crew and passengers. The extinguishers were operated, and almost at once all those on board who were not wearing gas masks became unconscious.

Doctor's view

There is a theory that the same thing could have occurred in the Tudors, though in their case the extinguishers are loaded not with carbon dioxide but with methol bromide.

Here again opinions differ as to the probable effect, but a Harley Street doctor, who has served in the RAF, and who has experience of the strange physiological effects that occur in aeronautics, tells me that

any volume of methol bromide circulating in the cabin would cause the crew so much distress as to render them ineffective.

There are many who believe that the Tudor disasters were caused by extraneous events not directly connected with the planes themselves.

Nine vanish

Since December 5, 1945, nine planes have disappeared without trace into the Atlantic off the Florida coast.

And though the tremendous resources of the U.S. Navy and Coastguards, together with every available ship and aircraft, were employed in the search, not one piece of wreckage, nor one of the 103 people on board, has been found.

Again, in December 1945, a whole flight of five U.S. Navy torpedo planes training in the area disappeared. No signal was received, no wreckage was found.

A patrol plane, with 13 men, was sent to search for the missing flight. It also vanished and left no trace.

A few days before Star Ariel was lost a charter plane radioed its position as 50 miles from Miami and all well. The plane was never seen or heard of again, and 32 people disappeared with it.

Evidently, then, the Brabazon Committee had to consider not only nuts and bolts, and aircraft stresses and strains, but other problems, too, more sinister and less tangible.

Are they perfect?

I do not know whether the Tudors have been declared 100 percent perfect as a result of the material investigations. Imperfections there may be, but I would like to see the plane which would not reveal imperfections when subjected to such microscopic examination.

In the absence of any conclusive explanation of the two air disasters it is hard to see what decision the authorities could have made other than that the Tudor air liners must remain grounded.

(London Express Service)

Information box Fusiliers will have bayonets fixed

THE Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment, now stationed at the Tower of London, will have bayonets fixed when they march through the City of London on May 15, after a ceremonial parade.

With the Grenadier Guards, the Buffs, the Royal Marines, and the R.A.C. they share the right to cross the City with bayonets fixed, drums beating and colours flying.

Another regimental privilege—officers of the Royal Fusiliers do not drink the King's health in their own mess.

William V. was dining with the officers of the regiment in the 1620s when the Royal Toast was proposed: "An Army custom deriving from the Jacobite Rebellion (1715-46), when it was considered advisable that officers should prove their loyalty to the House of Hanover."

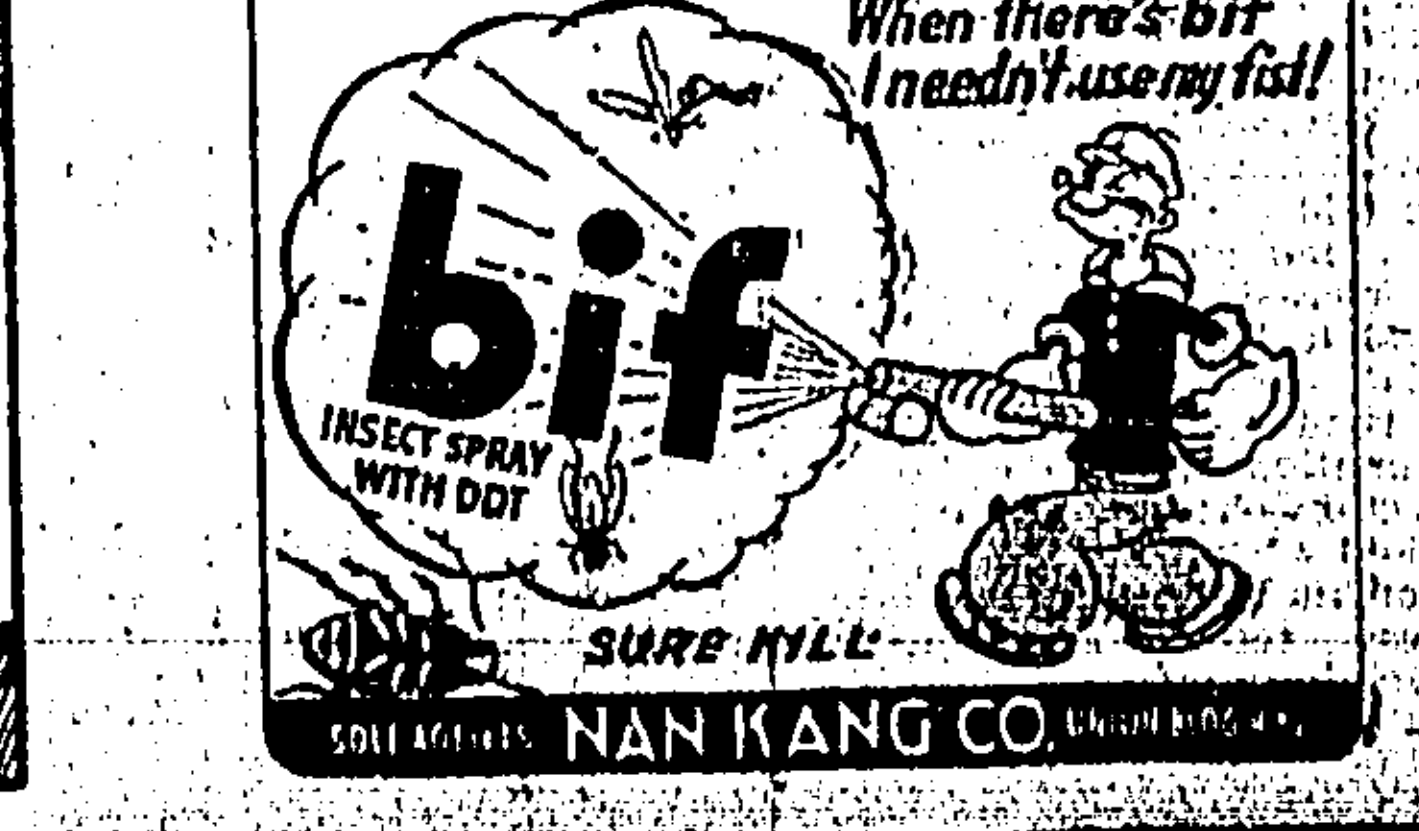
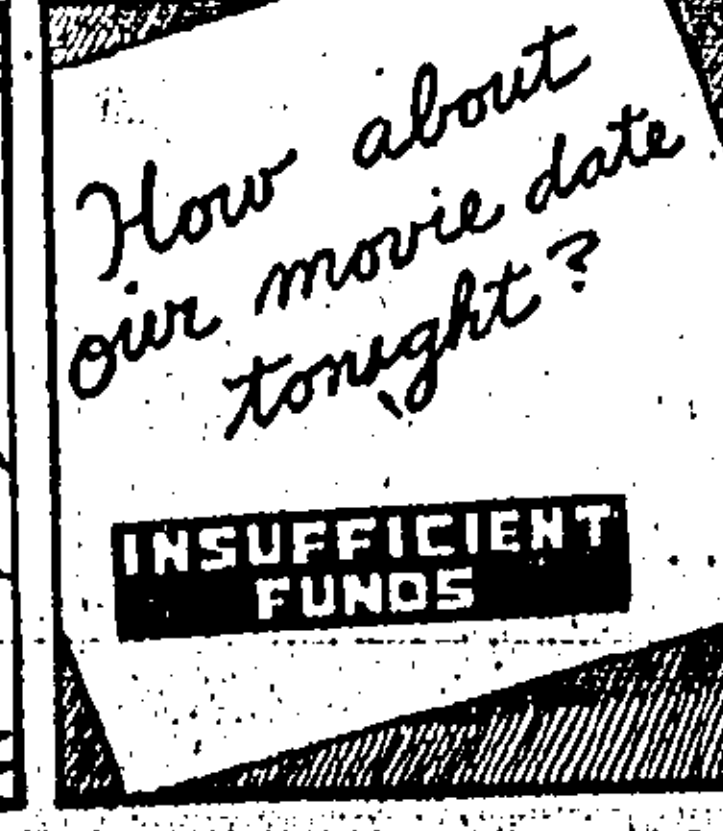
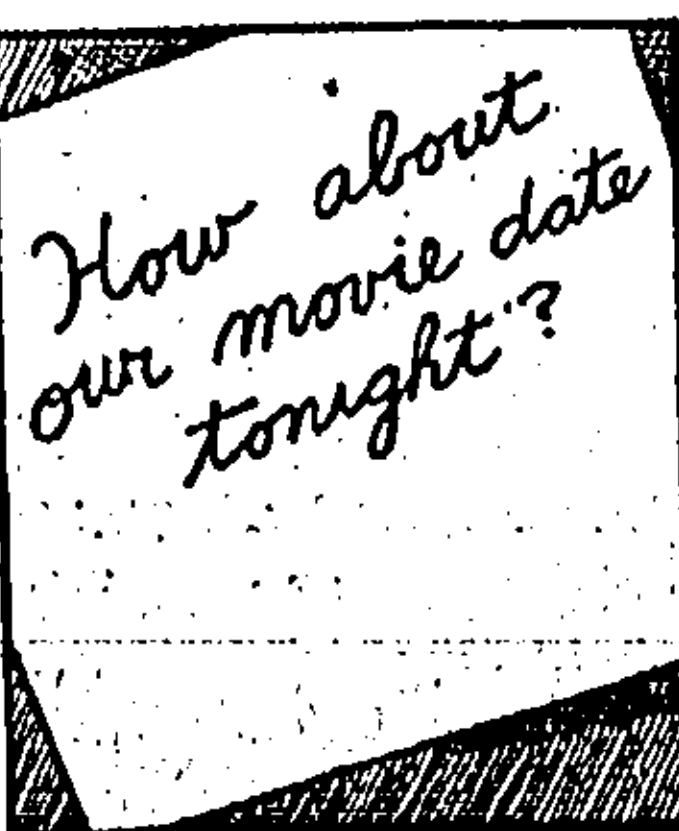
King William remarked that the loyalty of the officers of the Royal Fusiliers must always be beyond question, and it was unnecessary, therefore, to drink the toast.

The band of the Royal Fusiliers always play Rule Britannia before the National Anthem.

Traditional reason: About the year the tune was written (1740), the regiment served in the Fleet as marines.

(London Express Service)

NANCY Red-Ink Reply



A Key Man Is Needed In English Rugby

Here is a sorry rugby story. England has not won an international since March 1947. Of the last seven matches we have lost six and drawn one. Ireland has beaten us four years in succession for the first time in 50 years.

What is the fundamental fault with this country's game today? It is, in Hylton Cleaver's view, that England has not one outstanding match-winner to inspire the side. Wales has Haydn Tanner and, indeed, Glyn Davies. Ireland has Jack Kyle and his Queen's University partner, Strathdee. Scotland has, as captain, the Australian Doug Keller.

Whatever switches and brainwaves emerge from the deliberations of England's selectors this week, little good is likely to come until we find one true player to compare with W. W. Wakefield or W. J. A. Davies as captain and tactician.

The most likely key-man in the England side is Clive van Ryneveld, the Norman Yardley of South Africa, a second Owen Smith.

He can play any ball game brilliantly, and is perhaps a greater potential cricketer even than a rugby player. But he, like his elder brother, must soon go back to South Africa.

WAIT & SEE

Our cricket, to judge from the South African tour—the present Test particularly—is better than our rugby. But only by too certain.

Only thing the tour has really proved is that Alan Watkins and Roly Jenkins are better all-rounders than we thought they were. We already knew that Hutton, Compton and Washbrook could bat a bit, and Bedford bowl.

We were thrashed by the Australians last summer. Unless we discover more new talent we shall be thrashed again in the winter of 1950-51. Persimmon, am I? Better than a too-ready optimist.

HOUSE OF HIS OWN

Jimmy Adams is now happily settled in a house, overlooking the first fairway of the East course at Wentworth. He has his wife and daughter with him.

Because of housing difficulties at Beaconsfield, where he was professional, his wife and daughter had to live in Chesham with relatives. No doubt more settled conditions will help his play.

It may be Adams's year. For years one of the best of our professionals, Adams has been an unlucky golfer. Twice he has finished second in the Open losing by one shot to Padgham in 1936 and by two shots to Reg Whitcombe in 1938.

TOO STRENUOUS

Old-fashioned, perhaps, but I never like to see exhausted women running themselves to a standstill for an hour and a half on Wimbledon's centre court. Or, for half that time under the

KCC TENNIS

Today's matches in the KCC Tennis Tournaments are: R. S. Capell & W. A. Nicholas v. R. O. Baker & W. Golding; T. Baker v. Winner of H. Gabriel & C. H. Pickford; J. Guest v. Winner of W. A. Palmer & J. Tattersall; Miss Lambert Baker v. Mrs. H. C. Lablans.

SOCGER RESULTS

Results of First Division League soccer matches played yesterday were: KMB 10 RAF 4; Kitcher 4 Club 2.

Basketball League

Results of the Colony Basketball League matches played at Caroline Hill yesterday were: Division—Lau Sing beat Union 44-34; B. Division—Yau Oi beat S. C. M. Post 42-21; S.C.A.A. beat Black & White 44-37.

Rugger Results

London, Apr. 26.—The following were the results of rugger games played today:

RUGBY UNION

Bath 25, Penzance & Newlyn 8; Teignmouth 5, Gloucester 9; Rugby League: Kelighley 15, Bradford Northern 8; Dewsbury 20, Belle Vue Rangers 5.—Reuter.

Sportsman's Diary

EDITED BY
Bruce Harris

severer conditions of squinch rackets.

So I have some sympathy with a suggestion from the Egyptian Mahmoud Karim, British open champion, now in London, who says, "I don't think there is much doubt that the game is too strenuous for women. My solution would be to make the board movable, so that men could play with the standard height of 19 inches, and women an inch or two lower."

Tony Zale Retires

Chicago, Apr. 26.—Tony Zale, former world middleweight champion, announced today his voluntary retirement from the ring. The retirement of Zale, a veteran of 15 years in boxing, will cause the cancellation of his return fight with the new world middleweight champion, Marcel Cerdan, of France, who took the title from him.

This bout was arranged for the Polo Grounds, New York on June 21. Zale, who will be 36 next month, was champion from 1941 to 1948, with the exception of a brief period in 1947, when he lost the crown to Rocky Graziano. He has been boxing since 1934, except for four years of wartime service in the Navy.

Zale is now chief boxing instructor for the Catholic Youth Organization in Chicago. "This was a difficult decision for me to make," Zale said. "The protection of my own health and the interests of my family prompted me to decide upon a retirement."

Zale is married and has two daughters.—Reuter.

Bookmakers To Be "Caged"

Epsom, Apr. 26.—Epsom Racecourse is to cage its bookmakers. But it is not to keep them from getting away if they can't make the payout. The reason, explained an official, is to give horse players more room. "Bookmakers" at previous meetings gradually moved their pitches towards the foot of the stands until it became impossible for the visitors to pass along," the official said.—Associated Press.

ARMY ATHLETICS FINALS TODAY

The Land Forces Hongkong Athletic Team Championships will be held at Soekungpoo this afternoon with full teams entered by the RASC, 1 Buffs, 2/10 Gurkhas and 26 Field Regiment RA. The Hongkong Chinese Training Unit and the Field Security Section are also entered in some events.

The points scoring will be on the basis of six for first place to one for sixth place, ensuring strong competition for the places.

Two Chinese runners will represent the RASC in the mile run.

At the conclusion of the sports, the prizes will be presented by Mrs. de Burgh Morris, wife of Brigadier A. de Burgh Morris, CBE.

The Band of the Buffs Regiment will be in attendance, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion, the Buffs Regiment, Lt. Col. F. W. B. Parry.

A lower board on the front wall would make a "bill" easier and reduce the length of the rallies.—(London Express Service).

Final Callover On 2,000 Guineas

London, Apr. 26.—There was only a small attendance at the Victoria Club, London, tonight at the final callover on the Two Thousand Guineas, which will be run at Newmarket tomorrow.

Most of the bookmakers were at Newmarket and little business was transacted. Abernethy, the favourite, hardened from 2 to 1 to 7 to 4, and altogether only five horses were quoted.

Star King was unchanged at 7 to 2, but the odds against Peter Flower and Amour Drake were slightly extended.

The prices were: 7 to 1 to 4 Abernethy, 7 to 1 Peter Flower and Amour Drake, 10 to 1 Nimbus, 20 to 1 the rest.

PROBABLE STARTERS

The revised list of probable runners and jockeys for the Two Thousand Guineas, to be run over one mile at Newmarket at 2.55 p.m. tomorrow, is as follows: Makapuu (M. Bony) (Grani (T. Burn), Nimbus (E. C. Elliott), Star King (Douglas Smith), Bear Dance (C. Spares), Hindustan (E. Britt), Barnes Park (W. Cook), Abernethy (Gordon Richards), Decorum (T. Weston), Peter Flower (W. Rickaby), China Verdict (W. T. Evans), Beverly (J. Doyasbore), and Amour Drake (W. Johnston).

The list includes two French horses.—Reuter.

League Bowls

The Lawn Bowls League season will commence on May 14 and the draw for the first batch of matches was made at a meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association yesterday.

There are nine teams in the First Division, eight in the second and eight in the third. It was decided that entries for the Colony championships—singles, pairs, triples and rinks—will close on May 23 and the entrance fee will be \$5 per head.

The following were elected to the League Management Committee: U. M. Omar, C. P. Basto, C. Pope, T. A. Madar and J. Tindall. It was also decided that there will be no registration of League players this season and matches will commence at 4 p.m.

The programme for May 14 is as follows: CCC v KCC; K. Docks v PRC; KBGC v R. A.; KCC v PRC; IRC v R. A.; KCC v PRC.

Second Division: R. A. v HKFC; Taihook v Filipino Club; IRC v KBGC; v CCC.

Third Division: PRC v KCC; R. A. v HKFC; KCC v PRC; Docks; KBGC v HKFC.

KCC TEAM

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in the return match against the Sports Club on Saturday, April 30, at 3.30 p.m. at the K.C.C.: C. R. Russell, J. Orem, C. Thompson, W. Baker, A. C. Tribble, F. Goodwin, R. S. Capell, W. J. Keaton, S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, A. E. P. Guest, J. H. Evans, E. H. Forrest, F. E. Skinner, T. Lock, W. E. Baker, W. A. Palmer, F. E. Lawrence, H. Breyer, H. Cowie, A. W. Ramsey, H. Kew, J. M. Forrest, W. Butterworth, H. Gittins, C. S. Russell, W. Hong Sing, G. (V. Grahman, C. I. Stapleton, E. C. Fincher, D. O. MacDonald.

STARTING HIM YOUNG



Joe Coleman, Philadelphia Athletic's big right-handed pitcher, and his son Joe, Jr., take to the mound during a spring training session at West Palm Beach, Fla. Dad won 14 games last year.

SCOTLAND'S JIMMY COWAN, A

Juggling Goalkeeper Won Fame in a Day

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

No ordinary goalkeeper is Scotland's Jimmy Cowan, who defied the England forward line at Wembley and did more than anyone to bring victory to his side. Jimmy has made a study of his art as thorough as a university man cramming for a degree.

When he came out of the Army in 1947 he met Harry Rennie, who played for Scotland nearly 50 years ago. Rennie introduced him to the theory of goalkeeping by angles.

That is how his "guide-line" came about. If it is the line which he marks out with the toe of his boot from the penalty spot to the 18-yard line—at right angles to the line of the goal. He can see that line from anywhere inside the penalty box and so knows his position in relation to the goal when he comes out to narrow the "angle" for an approaching forward.

REBOUND PRACTICE

Rennie told Cowan how he used to throw a ball against a rock-face on the shores of Loch Long so that the rebounds were like shots from every angle.

There are no rock-faces handy to Cowan's home in Paisley or to the Morton ground, so he uses the ground terracing instead. He throws or shoots the ball from the pitch against the steps—from which the returns can be surprisingly varied.

Harry Rennie has another wrinkle to co-ordinate eye and hand. "Juggling," he told Cowan, "will quicken your reflexes." Cowan keeps a box of table-tennis balls at home and hours of practice every week have made him quite a proficient juggler—though he can't manage with more than three at a time so far.

An improvement of his own is to do the juggling while performing a "tight-rope" walk along the dividing wall between pitch and terracing at Capplecrow. That helps balance, another essential for the good keeper.

Hockey Fixtures

The following are the fixtures of the Hongkong Hockey Association:

INTERNATIONAL
Sunday: Portugal v Pakistan, King's Park (RNNIC) 10 a.m. Umpires, G. T. Palmer, E. P. Guest.

International table to date: Holland, India and Ireland have all won once.

RAF have given a walk-over to the Police in the League.

LEAGUE TABLE

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Club de Recreio	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
Army	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
Navy	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
KHRC	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
H.K. Police	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
Civil Service	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
RAF	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
University	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
Dutch I.C.C.	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
Cable & Wireless	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
Dockyard R.C.	22	15	4	3	72	34	40
YMCA	22	15	4	3	72	34	40

Benefit Soccer Match For Yangtse Victims

It was decided at a sub-committee meeting of the Hongkong FA yesterday to play a benefit match for victims of the Yangtse shelling last week. The match will be between the Combined Services and the Rest of the Colony and will be played on May 25.

As from today, owing to the hot weather, junior League matches will commence at 4.30 p.m. and senior matches at 6 p.m.

The following were selected to represent the Colony in an Interport match against Macao at Boundary Street ground on May 7: Yu Yue-tak; Hau Yung-sang, Tozer, Cheng Kian-hoi, Yan, Wah-hing, Craighead, Xavier (Capt.), Mullen, Tang Yee-let, Kierman and Wong King-chung; Reserves: Cheung Koon-hing, Rocha, Chung Siu-hing, Rollins, Tso Kam-hung, Castilho, Lee Tai-fai, Kwik Ying-kee, Yau Cheuk-yu and B. Omar; Team manager Mr. A. McAlpine. Admission charges will be \$2.40 and 75c.

The Army request to visit Macao on May 2 was granted.

CHAMPIONS v. REST

The Champions of the League will meet the Rest at Caroline Hill on May 8 at 5 p.m. and the Rest will be represented by: Anderson; Rocha; Tozer; Weller, Craighead (Capt.), Santos; West, Chau Man-chi, Tang Yee-let, Kierman and Omar; Reserves: Cheung Koon-hing, Kwok Yu-wah, Ho Sing, Castilho, Yau Wah-hing, F/O Wilson, Ko Poching, Au Chi-yin, Kwok Ying-kee, Yu Cheuk-yin, Leung Wing-twang; Team manager, Mr. A. J. Hussain.

At the conclusion of the match the presentation of trophies will be made by Mrs. Alexander, wife of Col. H. T. Alexander, Vice-President of the H.K.F.A.

If the runners-up position between K.M.B. and C.A.A. is not decided by then the match will be played as a curtain-raiser. The season has been extended to May 22 and the following are the remaining fixtures: May 1: Victory Shield match second round; May 14: Soong Ling-sing benefit match; May 18: Final of Victory Shield; May 28: Benefit match for victims of Yangtse shelling.

Kramer Near \$200,000 Earned In Professional Tennis

By BILL MACKLIN

London, Apr. 26.—Vic Jack Kramer, who says he is well on the way to earning his second \$100,000 playing professional tennis, concedes himself four more years in the bigtime.

"When someone comes up who can beat me consistently," said Jack in an interview in London, "I'll retire from competitive play completely."

Kramer, who will be 28 on August 1, is acknowledged the best tennis player in the world today. He swept the amateur "Triple Crown" in 1947—winning the Wimbledon Championships, United States title and helping America hold the Davis Cup—and started to cash in with a professional debut on December 26 that year.

How much longer can he resist?

"If a guy lives a good clean life," he said, "and has the will to win, I think he could stay on top until he was 32. But it takes working at it. I have to ration my beers and my off highballs."

Kramer brought his touring troupe, including Bobby Riggs, Dinny Pails and Pancho Segura, to Europe, in March. From Dec. 1947, through last month, Jack beat Riggs, his regular opponent, at least five out of six times. They have lost track of the exact figure on purpose.

The act needs to be freshened, with a new opponent for Kramer. He hopes that an amateur will capture the Triple Crown this summer and join the troupe.

SHORT LIST

Kramer rates Ted Schroeder on top of this short list of amateurs. Ted is a Californian who helped Kramer regain the Davis Cup from Australia in 1946.

"Equal second," Kramer said, "are Pancho Gonzalez and John Bromwich, who is coming out of Australia this year with nothing to lose and everything to gain. With no pressure on him, this might be John's year."

Gonzalez is the 21-year-old Yank who holds the three U.S. national titles—grass, hard courts and indoors.

In the next group down, Kramer places Bob Falkenburg, the American who won the 1948 Wimbledon Crown; Veteran Frankie Parker and Jaroslav Drobny, the Czech left hander.

"Drobny is the greatest player of the lot on any one day," Kramer said, "but unfortunately he can't play three tough matches in a week like you have to do at Wimbledon."

POT OF GOLD

For one of them there's a pot of gold awaiting—if he can only prove supreme as an amateur during the next six months.

"I'll show him my bank account," said Jack, "and I don't think I'll have any trouble getting him to turn professional. I made \$115,000 the first year."

Kramer thinks English fans are the most enthusiastic in the world, and he's played on four continents.

From a world point of view, Kramer ranks tournaments in this order of importance:

1. Wimbledon; 2. The Davis Cup; 3. United States Singles at Forest Hills, New York; 4. Pacific Southwest Championships at Los Angeles, with the French and Australian Championships tied for fifth.—Associated Press.

Chile's Team For The Davis Cup

Santiago, Chile, Apr. 26.—The veteran Marcelo Taverne and young Ricardo Balbiers make up Chile's tennis team which will play Ireland at Dublin in the first round of the European Zone Davis Cup Elimination Tournament on April 30, May 2 and 3.

Taverne, 32-year-old, has been a member of Chile's National Championship Doubles Team four times. In Singles, he has defeated such Latin American stars as the Argentine champion, Enrique Morea.

Since 1936, Taverne has been a member of Chile's team in the Mitre Cup Tournament which corresponds to the South American tennis team championship.

The tall and lanky Balbiers, 23 years old, has been showing promise as an international player since he went to the United States last year as a student at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

He has defeated the American players, Gardner Mulloy and Herbert Behrens, in tournaments in the United States and Nassau.—Associated Press.

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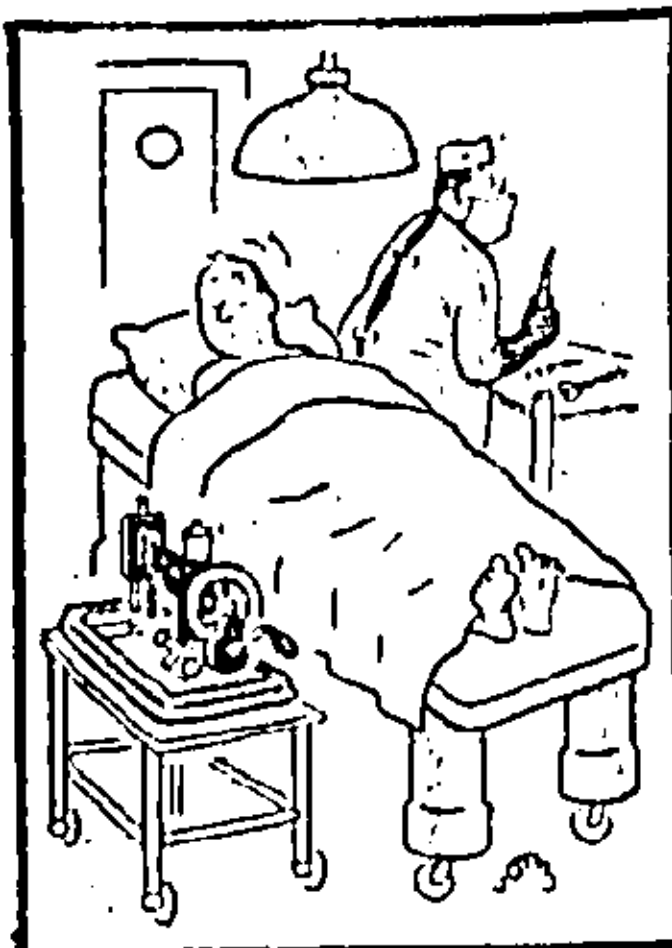
COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

Momentous Decisions Awaited

London, Apr. 26.—Momentous decisions enabling the future Republican India to remain in the Commonwealth as an equal partner with the other members were expected to be taken by the Dominion Prime Ministers in a secret session here late tonight. The decisions would inaugurate a new era in Commonwealth relations.

Following this morning's two-hour meeting of the leaders, quarters close to several of the Commonwealth delegations said that there was a rapid approach to an agreement on a joint declaration proclaiming a free and equal association of all the member nations, including Republican India.

POCKET CARTOON



Italy Still Hopes For Her Colonies

Lake Success, Apr. 26.—The Political Committee of the UN General Assembly resumed its debate at Lake Success today on the future of Italy's former colonies.

Italian Ambassador Alberto Tarchiani related Italy's hopes of getting the colonies back.

M. Tarchiani devoted most of his statement to answering the charges that Italy had done nothing to improve conditions in her former colonies.

He said when Italy took over Eritrea and Somalia, anarchy prevailed and everything had to be built from the start economically.

The Libyan situation was different, he said. But the political and cultural level of the Libyan people had fallen now.

He said a remarkable transformation took place just before the outbreak of the Second World War. Cities were built, industries founded and miles of roads constructed.

Italy spent over \$1,000,000,000 at the prewar rate of exchange to develop the colonies, M. Tarchiani maintained.

He contended that the efforts of the Fascists, whom "we are the first to condemn," do not make as black a record as has been painted.

M. Tarchiani repeated the pledge made earlier by Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, that good care would be taken of any colonies entrusted to Italy's administration now.—Associated Press.

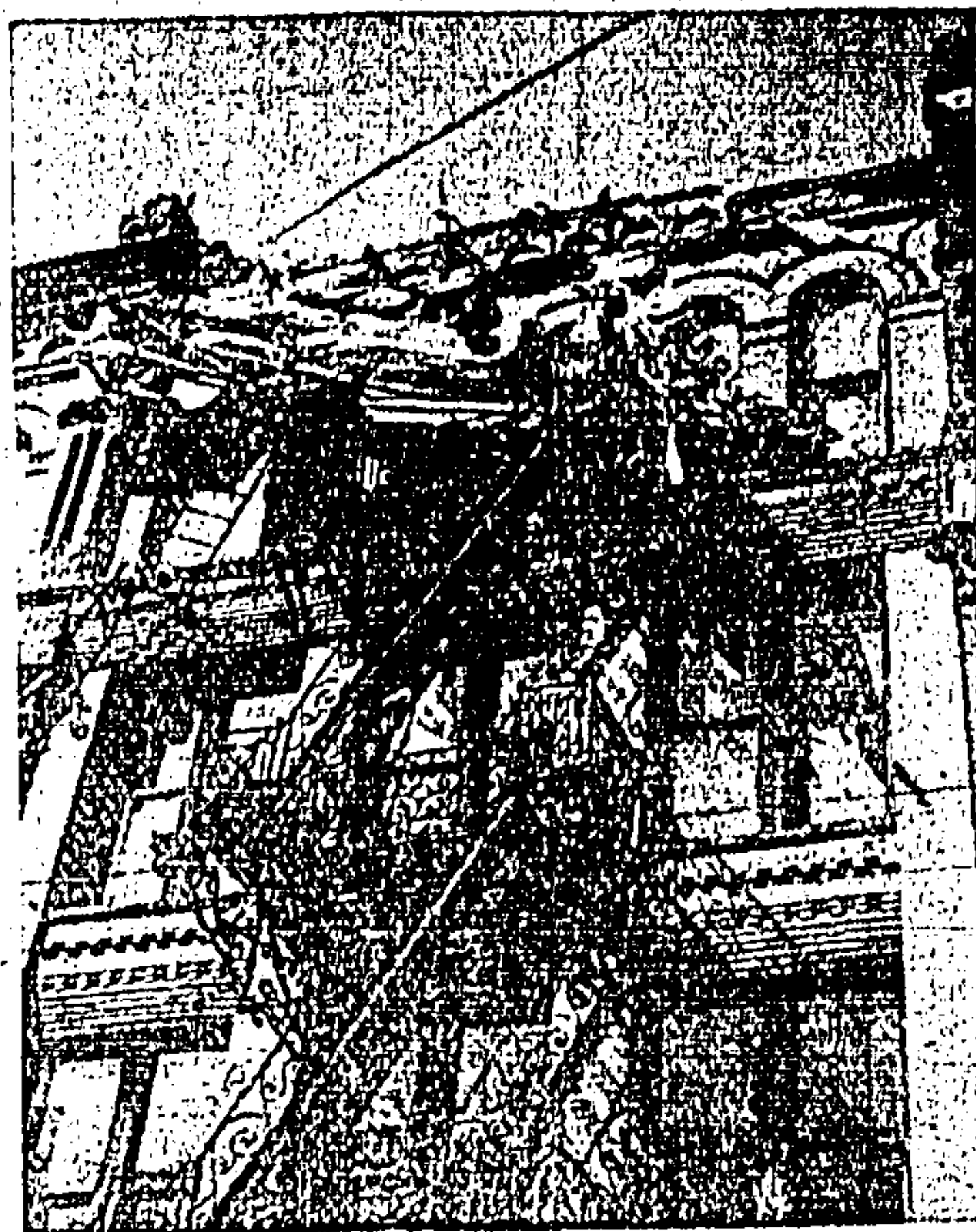
ZILLIACUS PUTS IN A PROTEST

Paris, Apr. 26.—Mr. Konni Zilliacus, Labour left wing Member of Parliament, and M. Pierre Cot, a French deputy and a former Air Minister, protested in a joint statement today against the refusal of the United States Government to grant them visas to enter the country. They had been invited to visit the United States to accompany Mr. Henry Wallace, former Vice-President, on a Progressive Party speaking tour.—Reuter.

Soviets Forecast Coup D'Etat

Moscow, Apr. 26.—Reports are appearing in the Soviet press that a coup d'etat may take place in Beirut similar to the one in Syria.

The Soviet press is making no comment on the subject, although it has intimated the British were behind the recent events in Damascus.—Associated Press.



These two pictures give some idea of the damage caused by the earthquake which rocked the American northwest Pacific coastline this month. Above, cornice on a Seattle hotel ripped loose, breaking windows and damaging the fire escape. Opposite a vacant mill building collapsed and so did the top of the towering chimney in Tacoma, Washington. Workmen labouring at the base of the chimney escaped injury.—AP Picture.

Attlee Will Not Discuss Colour Bar

London, Apr. 26.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, rejected a suggestion by Mr. Emrys Hughes, Labour, in the House of Commons today that he should discuss the colour bar during his visit to London.

When asked if he would do this, he replied briefly: No, sir.

Mr. Hughes asked if the Prime Minister was aware that "racial discrimination has become so bad in South Africa, where Lord Winterton, an Opposition Conservative, intervened to say that it had been voluntarily laid down by Speakers of the House of Commons that no question could be asked reflecting on the policy of a Dominions Government."

Mr. Scotland, Labour, suggested that it was in order to bring up any question covering British subjects.

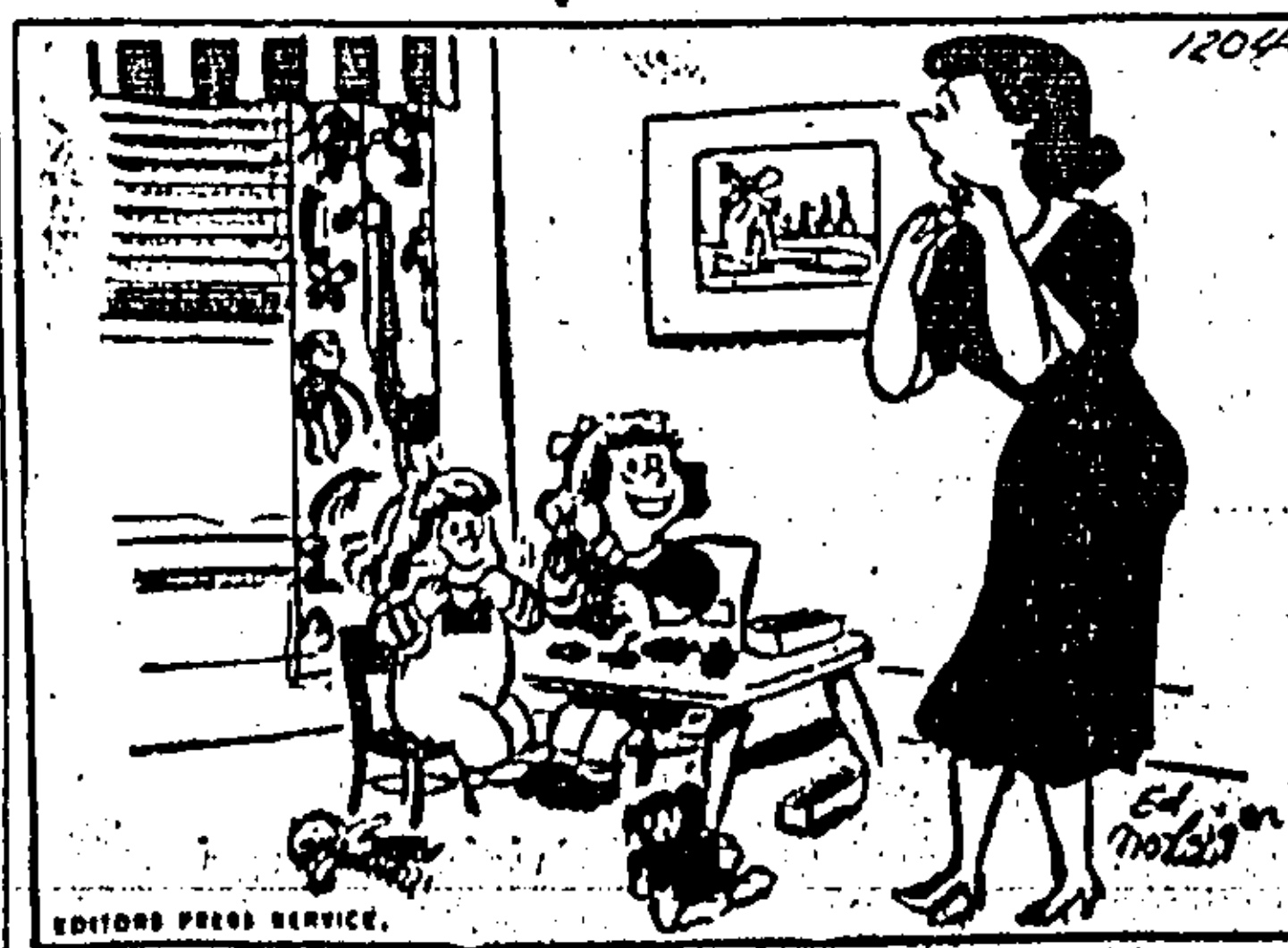
The Speaker, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, said: "A self-governing Dominion is responsible to itself and not to this House. Lord Winterton is correct. One should not criticise the Government of a Dominion."

When Mr. Sydney Silverman, Labour, asked if it would be in order to put down a question about the protection of the rights of British subjects in the Dominions, the Speaker said these were "purely hypothetical questions which I should like to see in writing before I can give an answer, but I should think not."

Mr. William Gallacher, Communist, said there was a young clergyman in Britain who had been imprisoned in South Africa because of his association with coloured people.

Was it not in order to ask the Prime Minister to raise the matter at the Dominions Conference?

The Speaker: "There is no responsibility of the Prime Minister for that. Questions must be devoted to matters for which Ministers are responsible."—Reuter.



"We're playing nicely together, mother. I'm making clay animal crackers, and Jill's eating them."

Preparatory Arab-Jewish Peace Conference

Lausanne, Apr. 26.—A preparatory Arab-Jewish peace conference will open in Lausanne tomorrow, but the Arab and Israeli delegations will not negotiate directly "at first," UN officials said yesterday.

The conference is sponsored by the three-member UN Palestine Conciliation Commission, which comprises Turkey, France and the United States.

The talks were originally due to open yesterday but were postponed because some delegations were delayed by bad flying weather. Syrian, Lebanese and Egyptian delegations have now arrived. The Israeli and Transjordan delegations are expected to arrive early tomorrow.

The talks will open with a meeting of the Commission and the Arab delegations.

Later in the day the Commission will meet the Israeli delegation, which is expected to be headed by S. Szason, chief of the Arab Affairs section of the Israeli Foreign Office. All the meetings are to be held in strictest secrecy.

The Arab and Jewish delegations will not meet directly for the time being, Commission officials said.

The major items of discussion are expected to be the fate of an estimated 800,000 Arab refugees from Palestine in the Arab countries and the definition of the Israel frontier.

The four Arab delegations will represent all the Arab countries bordering on Israel occupied territory.—Associated Press.

Fewer Divorces

Ottawa, Apr. 26.—For the first time in eight years, divorces took a tumble in 1948.

The 6,881 divorces in Canada during last year was a decrease of 16 percent over that of 1947.

Until this dip, divorces had shown a steady upward climb that started during the wartime days of 1940.—United Press.

U.S. Burning Up Industrial Energy At Too Fast A Rate

Washington, Apr. 26.—The United States is in danger of becoming a burnt-out athlete among the nations if she keeps up her present pace for only another generation.

That is the view of Mr. Oscar L. Chapman, Under-Secretary of the Interior. He posed it in a recent speech as a challenge to the country's engineering genius to produce new miracles.

We are using our energy in natural resources such as coal, oil and gas so fast, Mr. Chapman told an engineers' group today, that our whole future in the world will be settled by it in the next 20 to 30 years.

"Our highly industrialised economy is consuming unheard of quantities of energy," he said. "In 1948, we used 45 percent of the energy consumed throughout the world. We probably will be able to squeeze by for a few years, but..."

The "but" was that we have to do something about it now with ideas for using energy sources never tapped before.

Concentrated research on retrieving copper, lead, zinc, and iron ore from low grade materials now discarded.

"Within the next 10 years," Mr. Chapman said, "Our total energy needs will be at least 50 percent greater than they are today...."

"Our American technical and industrial genius is approaching the greatest challenge it has ever faced—a challenge created by its own success....we have consumed our natural riches faster than any nation in history. Our reserves in some of our most vital materials are running short. You, as engineers, must help in pointing the way...."—United Press.

Warning that use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes is still only a dream, Mr. Chapman suggested to the engineers these ideas to work on:

1. Experiments with pulling out the heat energy of both the sun and the earth itself, heated by a heat pump already developed.

2. A cheap method of purifying the sea's salt water and turning it into the faucets and onto the dry lands of California and other western areas. "Such a project should not be an impossibility for scientists who have accomplished such miracles as ours have," he said.

3. Some way to control rain. Research is too slim so far to tell what can be done, he said, but it has "clearly shown that there is a potential tool here which might very well be of great magnitude when fully explored."

4. Development of Hydro-electric resources until they are about 20 percent of the country's total power supply, instead of present paltry four percent. He said the programme would cost about \$15,000,000,000.

5. Building of plants to produce synthetic fuel from low grade coal and shale to make up some of the oil deficit. "It is estimated," Mr. Chapman said, "that in another war, we would need at least 2,000,000 barrels of oil a day over and beyond present production."

6. Dissolution of Parliament. Ottawa, Apr. 26.—Mr. Louis St. Laurent, the Canadian Prime Minister, announced today that the Canadian Parliament will be dissolved next weekend and a general election will be held "as soon as possible."—Reuter.

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